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ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE ON 19 JANUARY 2000, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 8 OF THE CONVENTION

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In pursuance of article 8, paragraph 4, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on 18 January 2000 to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 19 January 2000 (see annex I). The names of the other nine members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 19 January 2002 appear in annex II.

2. In accordance with article 8, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 15 September 1999, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of nine members of the Committee within two months. Listed below in alphabetical order are the nominees, with the States parties which have proposed them indicated in parenthesis.

Mr. Levan ALEXIDSE	(Georgia)
Mr. Marc BOSSUYT	(Belgium)
Mr. Ion DIACONU	(Romania)
Mr. Hassan ABDALLA EL HUSSEIN	(Sudan)
Mr. François Lonsény FALL	(Guinea)

Ms. Patricia Nozipho JANUARY-BARDILL	(South Africa)
Mr Ashot MELIK-SHAHNAZARIAN	(Armenia)
Mr. Raghavan Vasudevan PILLAI	(India)
Mr. Yuri RESHETOV	(Russian Federation)
Mr. Manuel de Jesús SALAZAR TETZAGÜIC	(Guatemala)
Mr. Luis VALENCIA RODRIGUEZ	(Ecuador)
Mr. Mario Jorge YUTZIS	(Argentina)
Ms. ZOU Deci	(China)

3. Biographical data of the nominees, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III.

ANNEX I

List of the nine members of the Committee whose terms of office expire on 19 January 2000

Mr. Theodoor van BOVEN	(Netherlands)
Mr. Ion DIACONU	(Romania)
Mr. Eduardo FERRERRO COSTA	(Peru)
Mr. Ivan GARVALOV	(Bulgaria)
Mr. Yuri A. RESHETOV	(Russian Federation)
Ms. Shanti SADIQ ALI	(India)
Mr. Luis VALENCIA RODRIGUEZ	(Ecuador)
Mr. Mario Jorge YUTZIS	(Argentina)
Ms. ZOU Deci	(China)

ANNEX II

List of the nine members of the Committee whose terms of office expire on 19 January 2002

Mr. Mahmoud ABOUL-NASR	(Egypt)
Mr. Michael Parker BANTON	(United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. Régis DE GOUTTES	(France)
Mr. Carlos LECHUGA HEVIA	(Cuba)
Ms. Gay McDOUGALL	(United States of America)
Mr. Peter NOBEL	(Sweden)
Mr. Agha SHAHI	(Pakistan)
Mr. Michael E. SHERIFIS	(Cyprus)
Mr. Rüdiger WOLFRUM*	(Germany)

* On 9 September 1999, Mr. Wolfrum presented his resignation. At the time the present document was prepared, Germany had not yet appointed another expert from among its nationals to serve for the remainder of Mr. Wolfrum's term, in accordance with rule 13 of the Committee's rules of procedure.

ANNEX III

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF THE NOMINEES

Levan ALEXIDZE (Georgia)

Date and place of birth:	5 August 1926, Tbilisi, Georgia
Working languages:	Russian, English, French
Current position/function:	Head, Chair of International Law Tbilisi State University Chief Adviser to President of Georgia
Main professional activities:	Professor of International Law at Tbilisi State University, Faculty of Law 1950-1970, 1977-present; Vice-Rector of Tbilisi State University 1985-1993; Member of the Parliament of Georgia 1991-1992; Chief, Unit on International Law and Human Rights Issues, State Committee for drafting a new Constitution of Georgia; Chief, Commission on Investigation of the Policy of Ethnic Cleansing/Genocide in Abkhazia, Georgia
Educational background:	Graduated from Faculty of Law, Tbilisi State University - 1946 Doctor of Juridical Sciences, Professor Member of the Georgian Academy of Sciences
Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:	Senior Human Rights Officer, Division of Human Rights, United Nations Secretariat 1970-1977 Secretary, United Nations Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, 1970-1975 Member, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance since 1999
List of most recent publications in the field:	Manual of International Law containing a large chapter on international human rights including activities of the United Nations in combating racism - 1994, 1997, 1998. Tibilisi Facts revealing the policy of ethnic cleansing in Abkhazia, Georgia, 1999. New York, Moscow

Marc BOSSUYT (Belgium)

Academic background:

Doctor of Law, Ghent State University (1968)

Certificate of International Relations, Bologna Center of the School of Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins University (1969)

Scholarship of the Swiss Confederation (1969-1970)

Research Fellow of the Belgian "Fonds National de Recherche Scientifique" (1970-1973)

Diplome of International and Comparative Law of Human Rights of the International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg (1972)

Certificat d'Etudes supérieures, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva (1973)

Docteur en sciences politiques of Geneva University (Graduate Institute of International Studies) (thesis on "L'interdiction de la discrimination dans le droit international des droits de l'homme", Brussels, Bruylant, 1976, 262 pp.)

Professional experience:

A. In the framework of the United Nations human rights system

Human Rights Officer at the United Nations Division of Human Rights at Geneva (1975-1977)

Member (1981-1985; 1992-1999), Rapporteur (1992, 1997) and Vice-Chairman (1983, 1999) of the United Nations Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (since 1999: on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights)

Member (1982-1984) and Chairman-Rapporteur (1985) of the Sub-Commission Working Group on Communications

Member (1996-1997) of the Working Group of the Sub-Commission on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission for studies on (a) a second optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (1985-1988) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1989; and (b) the concept of affirmative action (1999-..)

Representative of Belgium to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (1986-1991)

Vice-Chairman (1986) and Chairman (1989) of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights

Member (1987) and Chairman-Rapporteur (1988) of the Commission of the Working Group on Human Rights Situations

B. Belgian and European institutions

Special Adviser to the EEC Commissioner for International Relations (1985-1986)

Belgian Commissioner-General for Refugees and Stateless Persons (1987-1997)

Judge at the Court of Arbitration (the Belgian Constitutional Court empowered to annul legislative acts contrary to the principle of non-discrimination) (1997-..)

C. Academic world

Professor of International Law and International Organizations at Antwerp University (1977-..) and at the School of Military Administrators in Brussels (1984-1993)

Visiting Professor at the summer session of Santa Clara University Law School (California), in Strasbourg (1979 and 1981-1983) and the Geneva (1984 and 1986-1987); at the Law Faculty of Burundi University at Bujumbura (1980-1983 and 1985) and at the Law Faculty of the National University of Rwanda in Butare (1981 and March and December 1984)

Coordinator of a Belgian project of assistance to the Law Faculty of Burundi University (1980-1987; 2000-..)

Vice-Chairman of the Flemish Inter-University Centre for Human Rights (1992-..)

D. Miscellaneous

Member (1973-..) and Vice-Chairman (1990-..) of the Executive Council of the International Institute of Human Rights at Strasbourg

Secretary-General of the Belgian Society of International Law (1978-1990)

Chairman of the International Peace Information Service (1981-..)

Deputy Director of the Revue belge de droit international (1990-..)

Vice-Chairman of the (Flemish) Inter-University Centre for Human Rights (1992-..)

Member of the Scientific Council of the International Institute of International Relations (1998-..)

Vice-President of the Flemish United Nations Association (1982-1988)

Human rights missions to Suriname (1983) on behalf of the International Commission of Jurists, to Mauritania (1984) on behalf of the United Nations Sub-Commission and to Slovakia and Hungary on behalf of the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) (1993)

Official visits (1990) to Amman, to Islamabad and to refugee camps in Peshawar

Author of nearly 100 scientific articles and of a "Guide to the travaux préparatoires of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights". Dordrecht, Nijhoff, 1987, 888 pp.

Ion DIACONU (Romania)

Born: 23 October 1938

Studies: Faculty of Law, University of Burcharest, Romania, 1960

Ph.D. in International Law at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, 1971

Professional activities:

1960-1965	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Legal Department
1965-1968	University of Geneva, Ph.D. studies
1968-1979	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Legal Department, Department for Security and Cooperation in Europe
1979-1980	Counsellor at the Embassy of Romania in Brussels
1981-1986	Counsellor and Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations, New York
1986-1990	Deputy Director of the International Organizations and Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1990-1993	Director and Director General of the Legal and Consular Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1993-1997	Ambassador of Romania to Denmark, Copenhagen
1994-1997	Ambassador to Iceland (non-resident)
1997	Ambassador of Romania to the Russian Federation
1998-1991	Member of the United Nations Sub-Commission for the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities
1992-1999	Member of the Committee against Racial Discrimination

Scientific activities:

- Imperative Norms of International Law (Jus Cogens), 1971 (French), 1977 (Romanian)
- Public International Law (Romanian), 1993, second edition, 1995

- Human Rights (Romanian), 1993

- Minorities: status, prospects (Romanian), 1996

- Minorities: identity, equality (Romanian), 1998

- Reservation to the International Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1998 (study for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, 2001)

- Definition of Racial Discrimination, 1999 (study for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, 2001)

- Minorities - towards the XXI Century, Romanian (to be published soon)

- Studies and articles on different issues of international law in Romanian and foreign publication and books

- Professor of International Law, National School of Public Administration and private universities, Bucharest, 1990-1993

Hassan Abdalla EL HUSSEIN (Sudan)

Date of birth: 1 January 1944

Place of birth: Dontai (Sudan)

Working languages: Arabic and English

Current position/function: Advocate and Commissioner for Oaths in Sudan practising all professional and other main activities mentioned below in addition to the daily activities of the Advisory Council for Human Rights in the Sudan

Main professional activities:

- Family law (Islamic, Christian and traditional)
- Business law - criminal law especially in cases related to human rights and political activities as being established by international declarations and treaties according to the international norms
- Cases related to racial and tribal disputes which prevail in some areas of the Sudan
- NGO laws and regulations
- 25 years' practice in these fields

Education background:

- Native traditional studies (known as Kalwa)
- Elementary regular school
- Secondary high school
- University of Khartoum, Faculty of Law (LLB)
- Short courses, workshops and seminars on family law, intellectual property, human rights and local administration

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Member of the executive of the Sudanese Human Rights Organization
- Deputy Secretary-General of the Sudanese Jurists Association
- Member of the Permanent Council of Arab Jurists Union
- Member of the Steering Committee of African Lawyers Group of the International Bar Association
- Member of the Human Rights Committee, International Bar Association, London
- Member of the Sudanese Prisoners Service Organization
- Member of ASHAD (Sudan), Canadian NGO
- Worked as a volunteer in the World University Service (WUS)

- Represented the Sudanese students at the Coordinating Secretariat of National Unions of Students (COSEC) in Leiden (Holland) and the International Union of Students in Prague
- Member of the Advisory Council for Human Rights in the Sudan

List of most recent publications in the field

- A paper on "Human Rights in the Sudan under the New Laws and WAR" presented for the Human Rights Committee meeting in Melbourne, Australia, in 1995
- A paper on family law and rights for women in the Sudan, presented for the Family Law Committee meeting in New Delhi in 1997
- A paper on "The Effects of International Sanctions on Human Rights" presented at the Human Rights Institute Seminar in Berlin in 1996
- Research on "The Evaluation of Human Rights Law within International Law" (in Arabic) presented at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

François Lonsény FALL (Guinea)

Date of birth: 21 April 1949

Place of birth: Dabola (Guinea)

Languages spoken: French, English

Current position/function: Ambassador - Director of Legal and Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Professional activities:

1995-1996	Deputy Director, Legal and Consular Affairs
1993-1994	Member of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
1992-1993	Head of Consular Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1990-1993	First Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Guinea to the United Nations at New York
1989-1990	First Counsellor at the Embassy of Guinea in France
1985-1989	Counsellor at the Embassy of Guinea in Nigeria
1982-1985	Counsellor at the Embassy of Guinea in Egypt
1980-1982	Chief, Asia-Middle East Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1977-1979	Chief, Cooperation Division, Ministry of Planning and Cooperation
1976-1979	Lecturer, public law course at the University of Conakry

Educational background:

1982	Specialization course, International Relations Institute in Florence (Italy)
1971-1976	University of Conakry. Postgraduate degree in law
1999	Participation in fifteenth course of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law at San Remo (Italy) on refugee law

Participation in a large number of international conferences:

- Member of the Guinean delegation to the forty-sixth, forty-seventh, forty-ninth and fifty-first sessions of the United Nations General Assembly
- Member of the Guinean delegation to several sessions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) (1980, 1981, 1982 and 1996)
- Member of the Guinean delegation to several sessions of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) (1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989)
- Head of the Guinean delegation to the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, Kingston, 1993 session
- Member of the Commission on Human Rights at Geneva (1996, 1997, 1998)
- Head of the Guinean delegation to the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of the Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects, Rome, June 1995

- Head of the Guinean delegation to the Oslo Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction
- Member of the Guinean delegation to the Conference for the Signature of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction, Ottawa, December 1997
- Head of the Guinean delegation to the First Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction, Maputo, 3-7 May 1999
- Head of the Guinean delegation to the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, Rome, June-July 1998
- Head of the Guinean delegation to the first session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court, New York
- Head of the Guinean delegation to the second session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court, New York, 26 July-13 August 1999
- Member of the Guinean delegation to the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva, October 1998-October 1999
- Head of the Guinean delegation to the fifty-fifth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Geneva, August 1999

Other activities:

- Member of the National Bureau for Assistance to Refugees
- Member of the Supreme Electoral Council for the Presidential Elections in Guinea, October-December 1998

Patricia Nozipho JANUARY-BARDILL (South Africa)

Date of birth	21 August 1950
Place of birth	Kimberley (South Africa)
Working languages	English, Setswana, Afrikaans, Sesotho, Zulu, Xhosa
Current position/function	April 1997 to date - Director and founding member of MBM Change Agents, a consultancy which aims to assist organizations in the private, public and non-governmental sectors to manage change and transformation processes in modern South Africa. MBM has a strong commitment to improve gender and race relations in the workplace

Main professional activities:

April 1996-March 1997	Parliament of South Africa, Chief Director and Head of the Transformation and Democratization Office
April 1993-March 1996	World University Service, South Africa, Director
June 1990-March 1993	Bardill and Associates (UK), Consultancy and Training Services, Director
September 1988-May 1990	London Lighthouse, Head of Community Services Department at a centre for people living with HIV and AIDS
July 1986-July 1988	London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, London Race Equality Training Officer
July 1985-June 1986	Inner London Education Authority, London, Senior Lecturer at Southwark Institute of Adult Education in the Industrial Language Training Unit
January 1979-June 1982	National University of Lesotho, Research
January 1974-December 1979	Christ the King High School, Roma, Lesotho, English teacher

Board Membership and Advisory Committee:

Education institutions:

- Council of the University of Cape Town, member of Sub-Committees of Strategic Planning, Transformation, Selection, and Baxter Theatre Centre

The private sector:

- Independent newspaper, Cape Town
- First Rand - Insurance
- Siphumelele Investments (as one of 12 Directors)

Non-governmental sector:

- Gender Advocacy Project
- Gender Education and Training Network
- Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA), Council Member
- ABANTU for Development (UK)
- COMMISSIONER - Black Economic Empowerment

Government sector:

- Presidential Review Commission - Working Group on Human Resources Development
- National Development Agency, Advisory Committee Independent Development Trust, Restructuring Advisory Committee

Educational background

1969-1973	BA in English and Philosophy (upper Second) plus a certificate in Education - University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, Roma, Lesotho
1983-1984	MA in Applied Linguistics, University of Essex, UK
1995	Diploma in Human Resources Management, Damelin Management School, Cape Town

List of most recent publications in the field:

- What the South African Parliament has done to date to improve the quality of life and status of women in South Africa: report to Parliament co-authored with Pethu Serote et al., January 1996
- What are the parameters of human resources development in the local sphere of government: Foundation for Contemporary Research, summer school, Cape Town, 1997
- Report on the Human Resources Process Study: Presidential Review Commission. Co-authored with Sam Mphuthi et al.
- Human Development Report on HIV/AIDS in South Africa: Vivian Taylor (editor), UNDP, 1998
- Race, Class and Gender in Post-Apartheid South Africa: Conference at Simmons Graduate School of Management - Centre for Gender in Organizations (US), 1999

Ashot MELIK-SHAHNAZARIAN (Armenia)

Date of birth	2 October 1931
Place of birth	Georgia
Working languages	Russian, French, Spanish, English
Current position/function	Ambassador at Large (responsible for human rights and related issues), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Armenia

Main professional activities

1998	Ambassador at Large
1995-1998	Head of the Department of International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1994-1995	Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva
1992-1994	Special Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
1989-1992	Chargé d'affaires, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of the USSR in Mali
1987-1989	First Counsellor of the Department of Analysis and Planning of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR

Education background

1950-1956	State Institute of International Relations, Moscow, Diploma, International Law
1969-1971	Supreme Diplomatic School, Moscow, Diploma, International Relations, Administration
1981-1982	Diplomatic Academy, Moscow, Certificate, Training Courses for High-Ranking Diplomats, Administration

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

1997-1998	Steering group meetings of the CIS Regional Conference (head of the national delegation)
1997	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (report)
1997	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (report)
1994-1995	Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Geneva (head of the national delegation)
1995-1996	Commission on Human Rights, Geneva (head of the national delegation)

List of most recent publications in the field

Various articles in press:

"When will it be prohibited to violate human rights", Golos Armenivi

"Genocide: the fundamental right of man - the right to life", Respublica Armenia

"The recognition of genocide is inevitable", Novoe Vremia

Raghavan Vasudevan PILLAI (India)

Date and place of birth: 30 June 1938, Kerala (India)

Working languages: English, Malaylam, Hindi and Assamese

Current position/function: Senior Consultant - Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions, an association of human rights institutions set up in a constitutional or legislative context and in conformity with the "Paris Principles". Work as senior consultant involves, inter alia:

Interaction with Governments in the Asian-Pacific region which are in the process of setting up human rights institutions;

Facilitating exchange of information and experience between members of the Forum to enable capacity-building among them

Member, Executive Committee, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), an independent international non-governmental organization

Main professional activities: Has 36 years of experience in Public Administration in India. Dealt with a variety of issues in the context of socio-economic marginalization of weaker communities

Served as Secretary-General of the National Human Rights Commission of India from 1993 to 1998. Being the first Secretary-General, he was responsible for building up the Secretariat of the Commission

Represented the Commission at a number of international conferences/workshops/seminars on human rights-related issues

Assisted the Commission in the discharge of its responsibilities as current Chair of the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions, a responsibility requiring extensive international contact

Currently Senior Consultant, Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions and Member, Executive Committee, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI)

Educational background	Master of Science from University of Kerala Post-Graduate diploma in Urban Studies, University College, London
Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned	During his career in public service, he dealt with a variety of issues in the context of prevailing social stratification and socio-economic marginalization of communities; and has been actively involved in the implementation of policies and programmes directed towards their advancement and ensuring their rightful place in the society
List of most recent publications in the field	Wrote extensively articles on issues related to various aspects of human rights published in various journals and books, recently published articles include Developmental issues in human rights: case of socially disadvantaged communities in India, Child labour in India, Abolition of manual scavenging, a demeaning form of manual labour, Role of HRC in human rights education, Human Rights Commission vis-à-vis civil society, Report on rehabilitation of people affected by mega-projects in India - a case of oustees of Bargi Dam across the Narmada river

Yuri RESHETOV (Russian Federation)

Date of birth: 1935

Place of birth: Gorky

Languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Swedish, Danish, Icelandic

Education:

1953-1959	Moscow State Institute of International Relations
1969-1971	High Diplomatic School of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR

Professional background:

1959-1975	Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the USSR; Treaty and Law Department and Department of Scandinavian Countries; member of the USSR delegation to sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights; participation in the preparation of several universal instruments, including the Helsinki Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE); stationed at embassies of the USSR in Iceland and Denmark
1975-1980	Chief of Section on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at the Human Rights Division, United Nations Office at Geneva; Secretary of the United Nations Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities
1980-1986	Senior researcher at the Institute of State and Law of the USSR Academy of Science
1986-1992	Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the USSR; Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
1989-1992	Director of the Department of International Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
1990	Head of the USSR delegations to the Copenhagen CSCE Human Dimension meeting and the forty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights; member of the delegation to the session of the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council
1992-1998	Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Iceland
1988-present	Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

1998-present	Professor of International Law at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations
1996	Preparation and presentation of a background paper on Global assessment of the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to the United Nations seminar on the same subject in Geneva
1997	Participation in the capacity of CERD expert in the United Nations seminar on the implementation of human rights treaties in Budapest
1998	Participation in the Seminar on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Bulgaria
1998	Expert visit to Uzbekistan in the framework of the UNDP project on democratization and human rights
1999	Participation in the conference "National minorities in the Caucasus on the eve of the 21st century" in Tbilisi
1999	Preparation and presentation of a draft international convention on the right of peoples to self-determination at an international conference in Moscow

Major publications:

1972. Dissertation on "Family Relations in Sweden" (PhD., Sociology)

1984. Dissertation on "International Crimes" (PhD., International and Criminal Law)

International Responsibility for Human Rights Violations (Moscow, 1979, 100 pp.)

Prevention of International Crimes against Peace and Security (Moscow, 1983, 224 pp.)

Chapters in Course of International Law (Moscow, second edition)

Author of more than 150 publications on different issues of international law (human rights, prevention of racial discrimination, interracial relations, minority rights, citizenship, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, international responsibility, terrorism, the United Nations, CSCE, and Soviet and Russian legislation)

Lectures:

United States of America, United Kingdom, Belgium, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Israel, Iceland, etc.

Manuel de Jesús SALAZAR TETZAGUIC (Guatemala)

Place of birth and age	Tecpán, Guatemala, 50 years of age
Educational background	Primary schoolteacher, graduated from the Indigenous Institute, Santiago, in 1967
	University courses in Administration and Supervision of Bilingual Educational Programmes, graduated from Rafael Landivar University in 1985
	Graduate in philosophy and literature, Rafael Landivar University, 1978
	Master's Degree in Educational Administration, graduated from the University of New Mexico, United States of America, in 1987
Professional activities	Professor of Philosophy and Literature at the High School Teacher Training School of the University of San Carlos, Guatemala, Professor of Bilingual Education, Maya Thought and Educational Policy at the Universities of Rafael Landivar and Mariano Gálvez
	Chief, Curriculum Development Section of the Bilingual National Education Programme from 1984 to 1987
	Regional Director, Ministry of Education, from 1987 to 1991
	Director-General for Scholastic Education, Ministry of Education, 1991 to 1993
	Deputy Minister of Education, 1993 to 1996
	Dean of the Humanities Faculty, Rafael Landivar University, 1996 and 1998
Current position/function	Member of the Mission on Compliance with the Peace Agreements since 1997
	UNESCO consultant on the education of the indigenous peoples of Central America

Assignments	Consultant to the Peace Commission during the negotiation of the Agreement on Identity and Rights of Indigenous Peoples, signed in Mexico in March 1995
	President, Executive Board of the Guatemalan Fund for Indigenous Development (FODIGUA) in 1994 and 1995
Other activities	Research into Maya philosophy and culture

Luis Valencia RODRIGUEZ (Ecuador)

Date and place of birth:	5 March 1926, Quito, Ecuador
Working languages:	Spanish, English and French
Current position/function:	Member of the Ecuadorean Foreign Service. Ambassador (retired) Lecturer at various universities and institutions on topics of international law or human rights
Main professional activities:	He entered the Foreign Service on 4 September 1944. Various posts at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, among them: Under-Secretary-General (1965), Minister for Foreign Affairs (14 December 1965-31 March 1966 and 4 November 1981-9 August 1984), Counsellor, Ecuadorean Embassy in Argentina (1957-1959), Minister Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations (1959-1964), Ambassador of Ecuador to Bolivia (1969-1971), Brazil (1971-1974), Peru (1974-1978), Venezuela (1978-1979), Argentina (1989-1991), and Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations (1994-1999). Member of the Ecuadorean delegation to the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties (1969), Chairman of the Ecuadorean delegation to the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (1974-1981), Chairman of the First Committee, forty-ninth session of the General Assembly.
Educational background:	Masters, Public and Social Sciences, Central University, Quito Lawyer and Doctor of Jurisprudence, Central University, Quito, 1951 V Government Legal Advisers Course, London, 1968-1969
Other activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:	Professor, School of International Sciences, Central University, Quito, 1964-1969; 1984-1986; 1992-1994. Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law, Central University, Quito, 1992-1994. Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 1970-1986; 1992-2000. Chairman of the Committee 1972-1974; 1984-1986; 1992-1994.

Independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights to present a report on the right of everyone to own property alone as well as in association with others (E/CN.4/1994/19).

Instructor, courses to train in the preparation of reports to CERD (Costa Rica, Mar del Plata, Quito and San Salvador). Participation in seminars on the work of CERD and the promotion of human rights.

List of most recent publications in the field:

"Fundamentos y propósitos de las Naciones Unidas" (1970). "Principios de las Naciones Unidas" (1972). "Protección de los Derechos Humanos" (1972). Prize in international contest, Center for the World Peace through Law.

"Human Rights of Migrant Workers" (1975). "Fulfilment of article 6 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination" (1977).

Chapter on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination of the Manual on Human Rights Reporting (United Nations publication).

Mario Jorge YUTZIS (Argentina)

Place and date of birth:	Buenos Aires, Argentina, 26 July 1936
Working languages:	Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian
Current position/function:	Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) Elected CERD's special liaison officer to the Commission on Human Rights Full professor at the Higher Evangelical Institute for Theological Studies, Buenos Aires
Main professional activities:	Member of CERD's contact group for the organization of the next World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (2001) Appointed CERD's rapporteur for Croatia during the conflict in Serbia Appointed CERD's rapporteur for Guatemala Member of the Human Rights Evaluation Mission in El Salvador (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights) Member, Mission to Monitor Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Bangladesh, organized by the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization
Educational background:	Master of Theology, Lutheran Faculty of Theology, Buenos Aires; Doctor of Religious Sciences, Faculty of Protestant Theology, University of Strasbourg, France; University studies in psychology and anthropology, Montevideo and Buenos Aires
Other main activities of relevance:	Coordinator, Latin American Council of the International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR) Member of the Advisory Council of ARIS (Anti-Racism Information Service) Member of the Argentine delegation to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (1987 and 1988)

Argentine representative to United Nations working groups drafting the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1987-1988) and the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National, Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

Most recent publications in this area:

Mark Horkheimer y la Critica de la Razón Instrumental como recurso de liberación, Buenos Aires, 1997

Alternative economics: Latin America Moves to the XXIst Century, Geneva, 1998

Hegal, Fukuyama y el Fin de la Historia, Buenos Aires, 1994

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Member, China Research Institute of Human Rights

Vice-President, Chinese Society of Private International Law

Adviser, China Women Judges Association

Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Main professional activities:

1954-1972	Lecturer of International Law, Beijing Institute of Political Science and Law
1982-1987	Legal Adviser, State Oceanic Administration
1987-1994	Director-General, Bureau of International Legal Affairs, Ministry of Justice; concurrently, Professor of Law, Wuhan University, China University of Political Science and Law, and Zhongnan College of Political Science and Law
1988-1993	Member of Executive Committee, All China Women's Federation
	Council Member, Chinese Society of International Law
	Standing Council Member, China Institute for the Law of the Sea
	Vice-President, Institute of Procedure Law, China Law Society
	Participated in bilateral negotiations for agreements on judicial assistance with other countries
	Attended Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders
	Facilitator, Workshop on Violence against Women, NGO Forum, Fourth World Conference on Women

Educational background

1950	Enrolled in Beijing University Law School
1952	Transferred to Beijing Institute of Political Science and Law from the above
1954	LL B , Beijing Institute of Political Science and Law
1980-1982	Visiting Scholar of International Law, Denver University Law School, Denver, Colorado, United States of America

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Council Member, Institute of Law on Ethnic Groups, China Law Society

Participated in a study tour to Tibet in 1996

Member of Legal Advisers Committee, All China Association for Overseas Chinese

Council Member, Western Returned Scholars Association of China

List of most recent publications in the field

China's Legal System: China's International Judicial Assistance

Survey of China's System of National Regional Autonomy

The Protection of the Rights of Ethnic Minorities in China's Judicial System

Provisions on Judicial Assistance in China's Civil Procedure Law

The Role of International Judicial Assistance in the Process of Reform and Opening to the Outside World

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